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Selectboard Meeting Minutes for 4/23/2024

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb and Leslie White

1. Open Meeting. Tim opened the meeting at 6:05 pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: There were none
3. Citizens Input: No citizen input
4. Beach Update: The position for beach manager was discussed as the candidate the town had hired is not able to take the position due to health concerns. The office contacted another applicant to discuss the now open position and the possibility of hiring an assistant to allow the manager some time off. The board offered the position to Erica Webb. She accepted and is expected to be here by May 10th. A change from Consolidated Communications to Comcast was discussed. The office has had significant trouble with internet and the phone lines and is looking to upgrade service. Seasonal campers at the beach have been asking for an upgrade in internet connectivity and Comcast should provide better service.
Also discussed was the cleanup of the lot across from the beach where the old cabin is falling in. The plan is to get the cabin removed and the lot cleaned/cleared by Fall.
5. Animal Control Officer Update: Matt Hill, First Constable, has been taking care of any dog issues or complaints as we still do not have a dog officer. 'Please license your dog' postcards have been sent to residents that had registered their dogs in past years but had not registered this year by the April 1 deadline. Some letters have also been sent to dog owners whose dogs have been running loose asking them to keep their pets on their own property and to make sure they are licensed.
6. Health Officer Update: One concern about a rental property was re-directed to the State as this is no longer part of the Town Health Officer's responsibilities.
7. Sign Orders (6)
8. Minutes: Review minutes of 4/09/24. One change, correct Clayton's name on item #13 for the 6:00 meeting. Clayton made the motion to approve both meeting minutes with the correction. Ricky seconded. Approved.
9. Highway Department:
 - a) Overweight Permits. Ricky made the motion to approve overweight permits for Cardinal Logistics, Desrochers Bulk Service Inc., Fred Vance Trucking LLC, Lily Transport, and Vaillancourt Transport, according to town specs. Clayton seconded. Approved.
 - b) Other: Ricky made the motion to pull the posted signs for all roads except East Hill. Clayton Seconded. Approved
Sweeper rentals prices were solicited. A sweeper attachment for the front of the loader to purchase was more than the board wanted to spend. They are still trying to fix the sweeper that they do have but have not been able to get it operational yet. The board decided to rent a sweeper from Finke for \$3,400/week. The job should take less than 2 weeks. The board also discussed renting a track excavator with a mulching head from Finke for \$8,000/month to clear the right-of-way on class 3 and 4 roads.
A culvert failed on White Road. The highway did patch the breach and will look into replacement. The new highway truck is here and has been put right to work.
10. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
11. Grant Update: The grant extension for \$50,967.00 to complete the engineering on bridge #15 on Blakeville Road has been awarded. The office will contact 3 engineering firms to solicit bids for plans to replace the bridge.
12. Other Business: The School has scheduled another vote on the budget on May 21, 2024. There will be an informational meeting at the Green Mountain Technology Center on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6 pm. The budget vote will be at the Eden Central Elementary School from 10 am to 7 pm.
 - a) Newport Ambulance Nomination was discussed.
 - b) Green Mountain ATV Permit. Clayton made the motion to accept the proposal as stated. Tim seconded. Agreed.
 - c) Clerk's Office Addition Update: A meeting was scheduled for May 6th at 6pm to focus on wrapping up details so the job can be put out to bid.
16. FYI:
17. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:15. Tim seconded. Agreed. Meeting adjourned.

Leslie White, scribe.